

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee

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I appear before you today Representing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologist

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1. Yesterday the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists held a meeting to review Senate Bill 343.

After discussing individual segments of SB34 the Board voted Unanimously to oppose this bill

2. Page 2 lines 3 and 4------(3) to increase the number of members affiliated with a school to three instead of the current two, would subject the Board to too much influence and control by only one segment of those licensed by the Board

3. To allow two members to be affiliated with the same school opens the door to a conflict of interest

4. Page 2 line 12------(6) This is NOT needed

5. Any organization, association, or private individual may submit the names of people that are qualified to serve, to the governor for appointment to any of Montana's Regulatory Boards. Years ago following reorganization, this was deleted from Statutes concerning Boards as it was repetitive and redundant.

6. There is no professional associations in the state that represents barbers, cosmetologists, school owners etc.

7. Page 2 lines 25-30----- the board addresses continuing education for Instructors in Rule 24.121.21 Continuing education

8. Schools may choose what continuing education they want to require to keep their staff and instructors up to date, but courses specifically used for renewal must be approved by the board. This ensures that the public is protected by determining that the courses submitted for renewals are germane, relevant and not repetitive. 30 hour for 2 year renewal no more than 10 in product knowledge. Board should work on this rule with school input, but it should not up to schools only

9. Page 2 lines 2-5------(3) Schools voluntarily choose to become Accredited and as such may qualify to offer their students financial aid. It is not the board's responsibility to ensure that they meet those requirements.

10. The board, has always been given credence to The Dept. of Ed and Accrediting Commissions' standards.

11. But it certainly is not the Dept's of the Dept's staff's responsibility to research them, prior to the Board taking action or creating rule.

12. Page 3 lines 20-21----- (d) During last legislative sessions this was changed and the three years of experience instead of "Teachers Training" were dropped. Three years of work experience does not prepare an individual to be an Instructor.
13. The Board realize that schools may be having a hard time finding teachers, but The Board feels it should be insuring that Instructors have knowledge of teaching methods, test development, methods of evaluation, counseling and curriculum planning?
14. The Board may look at some rule changes to make the current Statute more workable for schools and should be asking for input from them to do this
15. Page 5 lines 11-12----- (d) sets the required hours for manicuring to be not less than 650 hours. In rule 24.121.807 the hours required are 350.
16. During yesterday's meeting the Board agreed that a change in hours required for Manicuring probably needs increased.
17. Until SB343 this has never been brought to the Board's attention. The Board will be looking at making an appropriate rule change to increase the amount. The Board should be asking for input regarding the needed increase. This can easily be done by rule.
18. The remainder of SB343 has clauses through out that require that the Board take into account the recommendations, if any, from professional associations representing schools.
19. To require this is unnecessary, presently there are no state associations of schools,
20. The Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists has always requested input from the licensees and takes all recommendations into consideration.
21. There was no input or attendance from interested parties at the board's last rule committee meeting.
22. The Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists encourages this committee to take all possible actions to defeat SB343 and see that it is tabled or dies in committee.
23. This is a redundant, unnecessary, and a self-serving piece of legislation. It in no way addresses the needs of or enhances the protection of the public,
24. Thank you Senator Arntzen for working with me and taking the time to understand the concerns of the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

The Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists thanks the committee members for the opportunity to share it's concerns.

Thank you
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